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METHOD OF FORMATION OF RESISTANCE LAYER, CONDUCTIVE  
BASE WITH RESISTANCE LAYER, AND CIRCUIT BOARD MATERIAL  
WITH RESISTANCE LAYER**

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Sir:

Applicants direct the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document (except U.S. patent documents) is attached.

Documents AA through AE and AK were cited in a European Search Report for the corresponding European patent application. A copy of the Search Report is also enclosed.

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